

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for auction brokerage service provided by a computer that resides between an information terminal of a user putting up an article which the user owns to be an auctioned item and a plurality of auction servers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage operation for auctions of the auctioned item owned by the user among the auction servers, the method comprising steps of:

selecting a plurality of information of said plurality of auction servers suitable for the user's conditions from among stored information related to said auction servers in order to obtain selected auction servers, in response to a request from said information terminal;

transmitting an auction registration request in the name of the user to each of the selected auction servers to receive a notification that the auctioned item owned by the user has been registered at the selected auction servers, the selected auction servers auctioning the auctioned item owned by the user simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the selected auction servers;

gathering trade information of how the auctioned item owned by the user has

been bid for at the selected auction servers and tendering to the other selected auction servers the highest tendered price of the bids in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the selected auction servers; and

notifying said information terminal of the auction result of the auctioned item owned by the user and outputting the auction result;

~~wherein said selected auction servers are other brokerage computers each of which accepts a request for processing for the auctioned item owned by the user from a corresponding information terminal of another user.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of requesting the selected auction servers to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the user's instruction when the computer has found that there is no bid for the auctioned item owned by the user at the selected auction servers by the date specified by the user.

4. (previously presented) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of notifying the other selected auction servers of canceling the registration of the auctioned item owned by the user by a selected auction server with which the trade has concluded.

5. (currently amended) A method executed by a brokerage computer residing between a user computer of an auction user putting up an article which the user owns to be an auctioned item and auction computers of auction organizers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage operation for auctions among the auction computers, the method comprising steps of:

(a) receiving information about the auctioned item owned by the user and specified auction organizers from the user computer;

(b) sending the information about the auctioned item owned by the user in the name of the user to the auction computers of the specified auction organizers, the auction computers auctioning the auctioned item owned by the user simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the specified auction organizers;

(c) gathering trade information of how the auctioned item owned by the user has been bid for at the specified auction organizers;

(d) tendering to the other auction computers of the specified auction organizers the highest bid price of the bid prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the auction computers of the specified auction organizers; and

(e) taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by the user computer if the brokerage computer has found that there is no bid for the auctioned item owned by the user at any auction computers of the specified auction organizers by the date specified by the user including notifying said user computer of the auction result of the auctioned item owned by the user and outputting the auction result;

~~wherein said auction computers are other brokerage computers of the specified auction organizers, each of said other brokerage computers accepting a request for processing for the auctioned item owned by the user from a corresponding user computer of another user.~~

6. (previously presented) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a step of requesting the auction organizers to alter the desired price specified by the auction user according to the instruction of the auction user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

7. (previously presented) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a step of notifying the other specified auction organizers of canceling the registration of the auctioned item owned by the user by a specified auction organizer with which the trade has concluded.

8. (currently amended) A computer for residing between an information terminal of a user putting up an article which the user owns to be an auctioned item and auction servers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage service for auctions of the auctioned item owned by the user among the auction servers, said computer comprising:

(a) means for receiving information about the auctioned item owned by the user and specified auction servers from said information terminal;

(b) means for sending the information about the auctioned item owned by the user in the name of the user to the specified auction servers, the specified auction servers auctioning the auctioned item owned by the user simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the specified auction servers;

(c) means for gathering trade information of how the auctioned item owned by the user has been bid for at the specified auction servers;

(d) means for tendering to the other specified auction servers the highest bidding price among all bidding prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bidding prices to the highest price over all the specified auction servers; and

(e) means for taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by said information terminal if the computer has found that there is no bid for the auctioned item owned by the user at any specified auction servers by the date specified by the user including notifying said information terminal of the auction result of the auctioned item owned by the user and outputting the auction result;

~~wherein said specified auction servers are other brokerage computers each of which accepts a request for processing for the auctioned item owned by the user from a corresponding information terminal of another user.~~

9. (previously presented) The computer as claimed in claim 8, wherein said means for taking the specified action further comprises means for requesting the auction servers to alter the desired price specified by the user according to an instruction of the user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

10. (previously presented) The computer as claimed in claim 8, further comprising means for notifying the other specified auction servers of canceling the registration of the auctioned item owned by the user by a specified auction server with which the trade has concluded.

11.-13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) A system which includes an information terminal of a user putting up an article which the user owns to be an auctioned item, a plurality of auction servers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage service for auctions of the auctioned item owned by the user among the auction servers, and a brokerage server connected between the information terminal and the auction servers, the brokerage server comprising:

(a) means for receiving information about the auctioned item owned by the user and specified auction servers from said information terminal;

(b) means for sending the information about the auctioned item owned by the user in the name of the user to the specified auction servers, the specified auction servers auctioning the auctioned item owned by the user simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the specified auction servers;

(c) means for gathering trade information of how the auctioned item owned by the user has been bid for at the specified auction servers;

(d) means for tendering to the other specified auction servers the highest bidding price among all bidding prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bidding prices to the highest price over all the specified auction servers; and

(e) means for taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by said information terminal if the brokerage server has found that there is no bid for the auctioned item owned by the user at any specified auction servers by the date specified by the user including notifying said information terminal of the auction result of the auctioned item owned by the user and outputting the auction result;

~~wherein said specified auction servers are other brokerage servers each of which accepts a request for processing for the auctioned item owned by the user from a corresponding information terminal of another user.~~

15. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the brokerage server further comprises means for requesting the auction organizers to alter the desired price specified by the auction user according to the instruction of the auction user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

16. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the brokerage server further comprises means for notifying the other specified auction organizers of canceling the registration of the auctioned item owned by the user by a specified auction organizer with which the trade has concluded.

17. (new) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 1, wherein said selected auction servers are other brokerage computers each of which accepts a request for processing for the auctioned item owned by the user from a corresponding information terminal of another user.

18. (new) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, wherein said auction computers are other brokerage computers of the specified auction organizers, each of said other brokerage computers accepting a request for processing for the auctioned item owned by the user from a corresponding user computer of another user.

19. (new) The computer as claimed in claim 8, wherein said specified auction servers are other brokerage computers each of which accepts a request for processing for the auctioned item owned by the user from a corresponding information terminal of another user.

20. (new) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein said specified auction servers are other brokerage servers each of which accepts a request for processing for the auctioned item owned by the user from a corresponding information terminal of another user.